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Honorable Robert J. Trenta Costa, Presiding Judge
Grand Jury, County of San Diego
Hall of Justice
330 W. Broadway, Suite 477
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Grand Jury Report: Tri-City Healthcare District – Continuing Issues

Dear Foreman Lewis:

The City of Vista has received the San Diego Grand Jury's report on the Tri-City Healthcare District – Continuing Issues. We appreciate the Court's opportunity to allow the City to review and comment on the report.

On behalf of the City, I am responding to the portion of the Grand Jury report recommendation that the County of San Diego and the cities of Vista, Oceanside, and Carlsbad, [12-43] *Conduct informational campaigns to underscore the necessity of encouraging qualified candidates to run for the Tri-City healthcare District Board of Directors.*

While I understand the necessity to recruit qualified candidates to this important healthcare board and recognize Tri-City Hospital as a significant asset to the community, the City of Vista does not plan on moving forward with this recommendation. This is due to the fact the City of Vista does not have a role or authority to conduct informational campaigns for separate public entities operating within the City. Neither the City of Vista nor the City Manager has the role in addressing the overall governance structure of the Hospital District or the political campaign and election of any individual seeking a seat on the Hospital Board.

The City of Vista supports Tri-City Hospital's goals and long-term expansion plans and is committed to working in partnership to ensure the hospital is successful in serving the tri-city area.

Sincerely,

Patrick Johnson
City Manager